**Development of Tourism in Karnataka**

*108. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals submitted by the State Government of Karnataka for the development of tourism in that State and pending at present for clearance by the Centre;

(b) the details of each proposal; and

(c) the number, out of them, likely to be cleared by the end of 2009-10 with details of the Central assistance to be provided in each case?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Development and promotion of places of tourist interests is primarily the responsibility of State Governments/Union Territory Administrations including Karnataka. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides central financial assistance for the project proposals submitted by the State Governments/UT Administrations under various schemes.

During 2008-09, the following project proposals have been received in the Ministry of Tourism from the Govt. of Karnataka:

| Sl.No. | Name of the project |
|---|---|
| 1. | Celebration of Bangalooru Habba-2008 |
| 2. | Development of tourism infrastructure at Hampi World Heritage site as a mega project |
| 3. | Tourist infrastructure and development works at Sangama (Mekedatu) Ramanagara District |
| 4. | Development of infrastructure facilities at Shanthisagar Lake, Chennagiri Taluk Davanagere District |
| 5. | Development of Eco tourism Park at Kaginele, Haveri District |
| 6. | Destination development works under Restoration of Magadi Fort, Magadi Town, Bangalore |

Project proposals that are complete, are appraised as per scheme guidelines on *inter-se-priority* and funds sanctioned, subject to availability under the respective head. The following proposals, which were complete as per guidelines, have been sanctioned in the current financial year for the Government of Karnataka:

| Sl. No. | Name of the project | Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakh) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Celebration of Bangalooru Habba-2008 | 15.00 |
| 2. | Development of tourism infrastructure at Hampi World Heritage site as a mega project | 3283.58 |
| 3. | Tourist infrastructure and development works at Sangama (Mekedatu) Ramanagara District | 474.63 |
| 4. | Development of infrastructure facilities at Shanthisagar Lake, Chennagiri Taluk Davanagere District | 500.00 |
| | TOTAL | 4273.21 |